

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent application of: SCHUTTE, Brian C., et al.

For: IRF6 POLYMORPHISMS ASSOCIATED WITH CLEFT LIP AND/OR PALATE

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Attached are Forms PTO/SB/08B (formerly Form PTO-1449) listing the relevant art known to the applicant herein. Copies of the references are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to consider the references and make them of record.

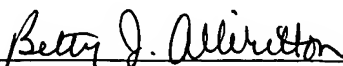
Applicants disclose herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose. Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08B (formerly Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement, except those identified above.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the

=====

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" addressed to: Box NEW APP - FEE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the 6th day of May, 2004.

  
Betty J. Albritton  
Express Mail Label # EV 366850933 US

information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. (Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi S. Nebel", is written over the printed name.

HEIDI S. NEBEL, Reg. No. 37,719  
McKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE, P.L.C.  
801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3200  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2721  
Phone No. (515) 288-3667  
Fax No. (515) 288-1338  
**CUSTOMER NO: 22885**

- bja -

Attorneys of Record

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.